

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
UNIVERSITY SENATE-Dec.10,1965

The third meeting of the 1965/66 Session of the University Senate was called to order at 2:10 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 1965, President Elliott presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as circulated.

The first item under special business was further amplification and clarification of the Resolution proposed by the Executive Committee at the November meeting as presented by Dr. Thomas McP. Brown, who outlined some of the reasons why he felt such a Committee should be established. After general discussion and remarks to the point by Mr. Kraus, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Merriman and Mr. John A. Brown, Mr. Sharpe moved that the matter be recommitted to the Executive Committee for presentation of a text and charter for such a committee. The motion was not seconded. Mr. Nash, seconded by Mr. Weston, moved that a Committee be established on "University Resources." Mrs. Yakobson moved that the Committee be entitled "University Resources - Gifts and Endowments." Her motion was not seconded, and Mr. Kraus moved that the Committee be named "Resources Policy." This motion also failed to be seconded. After some brief remarks by Mr. Bright, the original question was called by Mr. Stevens and carried, and a new standing committee on "University Resources" was thereby established.

The second item under special business was a motion by Mr. Wood on behalf of the Executive Committee, seconded by Mr. Brewer, that the April meeting of the Senate be held on April 1, 1965 because the originally scheduled date fell upon a University holiday. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brewer, and unanimously carried.

On behalf of the Library Committee the following new resolutions were then proposed by Mr. Nimer, Chairman, seconded by Mr. Brewer:

#1 (65/5) Be it Resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University that

"Construction of a new central University Library  
be made a top priority objective."

Mr. Nash questioned the wording of this Resolution in that "top priority" suggested to him that the University Senate recommended that the needs of the Library should be considered the first and primary priority in improvements to the University. Mr. Reesing spoke in favor of the resolution as stated. Mr. Sharpe moved to amend the resolution to state "should be a top priority objective of the Board of Trustees," seconded by Mr. Nash. On voice vote, the amendment failed to carry. Mr. Brewer moved the question and the resolution passed unanimously as stated above.

#2 (65/6) Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University that:

"In anticipation of construction of a new University Library, a professional library planner be appointed to work with the architect in planning the use of the Library."

After a brief discussion of this resolution and remarks by President Elliott that he had already contacted Professor Metcalf of Harvard University, an expert in this field, to consult with the architect in this matter, the resolution unanimously carried.

#3 (65/7) Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University that:

"Each department appoint a bibliographer who will work with the Librarian and such specialist associates as he may designate on the acquiring and weeding out of Library materials."

After some brief remarks concerning the ambiguity in the wording of the resolution as pointed out by Mr. Nash, Mr. Nimer agreed on behalf of his Committee that the wording should be changed as follows:

"Each department appoint a bibliographer who will work with the Librarian and such specialist associates as the Librarian may designate on the acquiring and weeding out of library materials."

Mr. John A. Brown and Mr. Reesing spoke to this resolution and the resolution passed unanimously as amended.

#4 (65/8) Be it resolved by the University Senate of The George Washington University

"That an allotment of 4% of the annual University budget for the University Library be adopted as a minimum standard to be reached at the earliest possible date."

(The Library Committee prefaced this resolution with "Whereas 4% of the University's budget is today considered a minimal allotment for its Library, and in view of the fact that The George Washington University Budget for library purposes in 1964 was little more than 1% of its total budget,")

After a short discussion of this resolution, the Senate voted in favor of it unanimously.

A resolution (65/9) entitled: "A Resolution to Study and Develop the Proposal of President Elliott concerning Committees of the University and Standing Committees of the University Senate" was then introduced on behalf of the Executive Committee by Chairman Wood. He spoke briefly in support of the resolution stating his view that the President's proposal offered to the faculty and to the Senate an opportunity for more significant participation in the policy and decision-making processes of the University. He pointed out that, in his judgment, the fullest implementation of the President's proposal would probably, at least in the case of certain of the committees of

the Senate, require one or more of the following:

- A. Arrangement for greater continuity of membership from year to year.
- B. Provision for certain areas of relative autonomy of action by the committees.
- C. Provision, through amendment to the University Faculty Organization Plan, to permit the naming of students as regular members of certain Senate committees.

After several questions from DrAlpert relative to whether such actions could be described as "meshing of committees" or "dropping one committee and adopting another," the question was called and the Senate adopted the following resolution:

PREAMBLE

Under date of November 9, 1965 and addressed to:

Professor Moore, Chairman, Committee on Library  
Dean Burns, Chairman, Committee on Research  
Professor Perros, Chairman, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics  
Assistant Professor Hill, Chairman, Committee on Student Life  
Dean Cole, Chairman, Committee on Performing Arts  
Professor Walther, Chairman, Committee on Student Publications  
Professor Jones, Chairman, Committee on Religious Life, and  
Professor Vincent, Chairman, Committee on Student Financial Aid,

the following memorandum was sent out:

"In recent years, certain standing committees of the University and of the Senate have come to parallel each other's areas of activity. It is my feeling that this dual effort should not continue, and further that much more of the committee work of the University should be centered within the faculty organization structure.

"Accordingly, this is to ask that in coming weeks, each of you initiate a discussion of the functions of your committee with the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Senate, Professor Reuben Wood. Such discussions should point up committee activities and responsibilities, and should be carried out with the expectations that the functions of each of these standing committees will be taken over by Senate Committees on or before May 1, 1966.

"Professor Wood may wish to invite the chairmen of certain Senate Committees to take part in some of these discussions. In turn, I am sure you will wish to notify the members of your committee that this matter is underway, and will want to seek their guidance in rendering an orderly and effective transition. I shall be in touch with you again relative to further details.

(sgd) Lloyd H. Elliott

Be it resolved, then, by the University Senate of The George Washington University that

1. The University Senate recognizes this proposal as an expression of confidence by the President in the University Faculty Organization;
2. The University Senate recognizes the proposal to be in accord with the functions of the Senate as stated in the University Faculty Organization Plan, the most pertinent stated function being Article III, Section I, paragraph (1)

"Formulate policy and make such other determination and exercise supervision with respect to such programs or other matters as the President or the Board of Trustees may designate."

3. The University Senate recognizes certain problems concerning the implementation of the proposal, particularly with respect to University committees which are composed in part of students.

4. The University Senate recognizes that student participation in the government and operation of the University is desirable. The Senate wishes to encourage that participation and to develop effective mechanisms and channels to let that participation contribute more fully and effectively to the welfare of the University.

5. Therefore, in order to be able to respond as effectively as possible to the proposal of President Elliott, the University Senate authorizes the Executive Committee to study the proposal and after consultation with administrative officials, members of the faculty and students, to bring to the Senate such recommendation as may be deemed appropriate for the implementation of the above recorded memorandum of the President.

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The matter of electing a committee to nominate a new member and chairman of the Executive Committee to take office at the February meeting to replace Mr. Reuben E. Wood, who will be on sabbatical leave was then considered. On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following seven-man Nominating Committee was elected:

Howard Merriman  
Reuben Wood  
David Sharpe

Seymour Alpert  
Carl Walther  
Mary Coleman

Wolfgang Kraus

On motion, seconded and carried, the Senate appointed Mr. Reuben E. Wood as Chairman of this Committee.

On motion seconded and carried, the following persons were added to the membership of the Faculty Performance and Development Committee, one of whom replaces Dr. Robert Jordan, who is on leave of absence:

Henry G. Manne	-	Law
Theodore G. Toridis	-	Engineering
Hugh L. LeBlanc	-	Columbia College

Mr. Kraus, Chairman of the Educational Policy Committee, gave a brief report of his Committee. Mr. Kraus indicated the Committee would like to obtain some departmental reactions to the institution of a University-wide reading period. He questioned whether a) such a reading period would extend the second semester slightly and thus interfere with the presently scheduled summer sessions, and b) he questioned the general University-wide satisfaction with the two short summer sessions as presently scheduled and invited discussion on this point within the departments of the University in order to direct the thinking of the Educational Policy Committee on these matters.

Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Executive Committee, read a note of thanks from Vice Admiral Colclough in response to the Senate's resolution of appreciation sent to him on October 8, 1965 by the University Senate.



Mr. Nash, Chairman of the Physical Facilities Committee, requested the Senate to recommend that Vice President Herzog report in detail the progress being made in the Physical Facilities area of the University to the next Faculty Assembly meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

*Frederick R. Houser*  
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Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Washington, D. C.

3 December 1965

The University Senate will meet at 2 pm on Friday, December 10, 1965 in the Faculty Conference Room on the fifth floor of the Library.

The order of business will be as follows:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 3) Special business:
  - a) Further amplification and clarification of the Resolution proposed by the Executive Committee at the November meeting to establish a Standing Committee of the University Senate on University Gifts, Endowments, Resources and Finances. Dr. Thomas McP. Brown reporting.
  - b) Proposal to change the date for the April meeting of the Senate to April 1. Request by the Chairman of the Executive Committee that Deans of schools, colleges and divisions hold faculty meetings in late March to elect new members of the University Senate.
- 4) Introduction of New Resolutions:
  - a) Library Committee resolutions as follows:
    - 1) That construction of a new central University library be made a high priority objective.
    - 2) That in anticipation of construction of a new University library, a professional library planner be appointed to work with the architect in planning the use of the Library.
    - 3) That each department appoint a bibliographer who will work with the Librarian and such specialist associates as he may designate on the acquiring and weeding out of library materials.
    - 4) A resolution concerning the adoption of a minimum percentage of the University budget for expenditure on library purposes.
  - b) Executive Committee Resolution on Study and Development of Proposal by President Elliott concerning standing committees of the Senate and the University.
- 5) General Business:
  - a) Election of a committee to nominate a new member and Chairman of the Executive Committee to take office at the February meeting. The Executive Committee recommends a seven-man committee and proposes the following slate:

Howard Merriman	Mary Coleman
Reuben Wood	Carl Walther
David Sherpe	Wolfgang Kraus
Seymour Alpert	
  - b) Nominations by the Executive Committee of the following persons to be added to the membership of the Faculty Performance and Development Committee, one of whom will replace Dr. Robert S. Jordan who is on leave of absence:

Henry G. Manne
Theodore G. Toridis
Hugh L. LeBlanc

Reuben E. Wood, Chairman  
Executive Committee

*Reuben E. Wood*

Note: The fourth resolution of the Library committee is not attached for use of Senate members but will be forwarded later.

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Washington D. C.

6 December 1965

TO MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE:

Attached is the fourth proposed resolution of the Library committee which should be attached to the others forwarded to you with the agenda of the meeting of December 10, 1965.

*Ruth B Brosnan*  
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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

November 15, 1965

From: Assoc. Prof. D. J. Sharpe, Law School DSS  
Chairman, University Senate Special Committee on By-Laws  
To: Mrs. Ruth Brosnan, Secretary of the Senate  
Subj: Text of floor amendments to Provisional By-Laws

The two amendments which I offered and which passed the Senate at its meeting November 12 are as follows:

Page 2, line 38: In sec. 4(a), omit the words "Standing and Special".

Page 1, line 34: In sec. 2(b), following "(b)" insert the following sentence: "The Executive Committee shall include in the Agenda for any meeting any matters requested by the President or by twenty per cent of the members of the Senate."

I think that it would be helpful to reprint the Provisional By-Laws at least in Mimeographed form and to keep a supply on hand at each meeting of the Senate. May I ask that you get in touch with me if you do plan to reprint the Provisional By-Laws?

Would you please Xerox/<sup>copies</sup>~~amcopy~~ of this memo and send/<sup>one</sup>~~in~~ to each of the other members of the Special Committee, i.e., Professors Davison, St. Cyr, and Stevens?



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November 29, 1965

From: Assoc. Prof. David J. Sharpe, Law School *DJS*  
To: Mr. Frederick R. Houser, Registrar  
Subj: Minutes of the University Senate's meeting November 12, 1965

Congratulations on conforming the Minutes to the Provisional By-Laws. For the first time, I felt that the Minutes constituted a valuable source of history of what actually happened, from the inclusion of the texts of the Resolutions enacted. This may be a little strong by way of implied criticism of the Minutes for years past, and that would be wrong; I only want to take the opportunity to thank you and Mrs. Brosnan for adapting your existing schemes to take advantage of the By-Laws.

I would be happy to hear comments from you as to further changes which would make your jobs easier--with the Senate, that is.

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